

GERMANS CLAIM TO BE REPULSING ASSAULTS ALONG WHOLE BATTLE FRONT IN FRANCE; SUPREME CONFLICT OF THE WAR ON RIVER AISNE

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GERMANS ON HEIGHTS

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 19.—AN OFFICIAL BORDEAUX DISPATCH TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY SAYS: "BATTLE CONTINUED ON THE WHOLE FRONT FROM THE RIVER OISE TO THE RIVER WOEVRÉ DURING THE 18TH WITHOUT IMPORTANT CHANGE AT ANY POINT."

London, Sept. 19.—The battle of the Aisne, now in its sixth day, and beginning as a rear guard action, has developed into the supreme conflict of the French campaign. The latest official news sets forth there has been a lull in the titanic artillery duel, and this is taken to indicate today's struggle may be marked by a tremendous advance of infantry such as made the battle of the Marne a scene of indescribable horror and isolation. News from Berlin concerning the position of the German forces has a more confident ring. Admission is made that the German army was short of ammunition, but this has been rectified and supplies and reinforcements are being sent forward without trouble.

Question of Endurance.
A French officer just returned from the battle front is authority for the statement that the strain on both sides of the line promises soon to get beyond human endurance. He likens the antagonists to two exhausted pugilists, unable to inflict further punishment on each other. If this situation develops the only possible way for the allies to prevent a weary winter campaign, it is argued, would be a successful assault on the German communications. Such an assault is admitted by the allies not to be an easy matter.
Petrograd reports General Rennenkampf has definitely arrested the German advance. The Austrians, in a persistent effort to save the remnants of their army and reestablish it as a fighting force, have, according to reports from Vienna, fortified their extended new defensive front from Prohorovsk southwest to Lemberg to Cracow, with their center on Przemyśl. An attack on Przemyśl fortress is expected at once from the Russians.Pola in Revolt.
From many points in the dual monarchy come disquieting reports. Pola, a naval base on the Adriatic, is said to be in revolt, while the people of Vienna are demanding news of the situation in Galicia from which district hordes of refugees Poles and wounded Austrian soldiers are pouring into the capital daily. Violent scenes outside the ministry of war building in Vienna are reported.

The most cruel aspect from the British standpoint of the terrible battle now raging in the western arena of war is the dreadful apprehension with which the British public awaits publication of the casualty list of the last weeks of fighting. Many of Great Britain's most famous regiments are reported to have been mowed down in terrific assaults on the heights held by the Germans above the river Aisne. The German public may also expect a shock in this regard, for the battlefield already swept over give evidence, according to reports here, that the famous Prussian guard corps has been virtually wiped out.

War Unavoidable.
London, Sept. 19.—There is no man inside or outside of this hall who is more convinced than I that we could not have averted the present war without national disgrace. Great Britain is bound by an honorable obligation to defend the independence and integrity of Belgium.

This was the text of the speech of Chancellor Lloyd-George at Queen's hall this afternoon to arouse Welsh enthusiasm for Earl Kitchener's new way.

To Reopen Rate Case.
Washington, Sept. 19.—The interstate commerce commission has decided to reopen the eastern advance rate case. It will begin hearings here Oct. 19.

German Officers in Field Deciphering Orders From General Staff

KAISER SAYS
HE'S WINNING
ALL BATTLESStorming of Beaumont
and Capture of Many
Prisoners Announced

ADVANCES IN THE EAST

New Defense Line Awaiting the
Czar's Assault on Fort-
ress of Przemyśl.

A REPORT FROM GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS MADE PUBLIC IN BERLIN TODAY CLAIMS GERMAN-AUSTRIAN SUCCESS IN ALL THE THEATRES OF THE WAR. THE STORMING OF BEAUMONT, FRANCE, AND THE CAPTURE OF MANY FRENCH PRISONERS IS ANNOUNCED. IN THE EAST THE GERMANS ARE CONTINUING TO ADVANCE AGAINST THE RUSSIANS. THE AUSTRIANS HAVE ROUTED THE SERBIANS. IT IS SAID, IT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED IN VIENNA THAT THE GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS HAVE FORMED A NEW DEFENSE LINE AND ARE AWAITING A RUSSIAN ASSAULT ON THE FORTRESS OF PRZEMYSL.

French Using Aerial Arrows.
Berlin, Sept. 19 (Via London).—The French army, according to a night bulletin, is showing signs of having shot its bolt and fought itself to a standstill, being unable to fill its depleted ranks like the Germans.

Lieutenant Von Baeul, one of the best known German aviators, has been killed. The well known sculptor, Friedrich Pfanchmidt, was killed in battle near Chalons.

A shower of aerial arrows released by French aviators over a mile high is the modern terror of war, according to German wounded. The arrows seem to have caused more surprise than damage.

The German army continues operations in the district about Suwalki, Russian Poland, according to the general staff.

Fighting Near Noyon.

Berlin, Sept. 19 (Wireless to Sayville).—An official statement says: "It is reported a decisive attack is being made by the thirteenth and fourteenth army corps and parts of other German divisions south of Noyon, with loss. Beaumont has been stormed and 2,500 French prisoners taken. Attacks along the entire battle front are being repulsed. Many guns and prisoners were captured. The number is not yet available. The German eastern army continues operations in Suwalki province and is advancing against the Russians. Dispatches from Agram report the victory over the Serbians as far greater than first believed. The Serbians were driven in flight across the river Save. Many were drowned."

Two of Diamond Thieves Caught
Mormon, Ill., Sept. 19.—Two of the five men who are alleged to have robbed Mrs. Nellie Clark of Kankakee of diamonds valued at \$50,000 were captured in a corn field near here this afternoon. Eight diamonds were found on their person.REPORT STEAMER,
57 ABOARD, LOSTDetails of the Sinking of the
Francus H. Leggett Are
Not Obtainable.

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 19.—It is reported the steamer Francis H. Leggett, bound for San Francisco, with 37 passengers and a crew of 20, sank 60 miles south of the Columbia river. It is said two survivors were picked up. No information as to the number of lives lost is obtainable.

CHAUNCEY DEPEW RIDES
ON TRAIN RUNNING BOARD

New York, Sept. 19.—Chauncey M. Depew, former United States senator for New York, arrived from Liverpool yesterday on the Baltic.

"I was in Geneva when the trouble began," he said. "After crossing the border into France we picked up men joining the colors on the way to Paris, until our train could hold no more. "Whenever I stuck my head into a corridor the soldiers would set up a cheer on seeing my side whiskers. They mistook me for an Englishman and cried: 'Long live the entente cordiale.' "We stayed in Paris a week and then left for Bologne. We were obliged to crowd into a coach as best we could. I sat on the running board all the way."

MRS. BRYAN FOR SUFFRAGE

Statement Issued in Washington to
Stop Rumors She is Opposed.

Washington, Sept. 19.—In a signed statement, made public here through the congressional committee of the National American Woman Suffrage association, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, wife of the secretary of state, declares she has been in favor of woman suffrage for 25 years.

The statement was made public to set at rest rumors that Mrs. Bryan was opposed to the movement.

"Our oldest daughter has been an interested voter in Colorado; our younger, a member of the College league at the Nebraska State university," says the statement.

RUSS GOVERNOR IS SHOT

Assassin Attacks Count Georges Bobrinski, Ruler of Galicia.
Vienna, via Rotterdam and London, Sept. 19.—According to a dispatch received here the assassination of Count Georges Bobrinski, the Russian governor of Galicia, who was formerly at Kiev, was attempted by a Ukrainian, who is said to have been irritated at the count's remark that anti-Russian agitation existed there. Three revolver shots were fired, one bullet hitting the count in the shoulder. The assassin was arrested and afterward all the houses of Ukrainians were searched.PRESIDENT ASKS
RIVERS BILL CUTFavors \$15,000,000 to Con-
tinue Only Projects That
Are Under Way.

Washington, Sept. 19.—A day and night fight on the river and harbor bill in the senate showed signs of a break today, with victory for the filibustering republicans, when it became known the president favored abandoning the bill and substituting a new resolution to appropriate \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 to continue only those projects under way.

The original bill proposed \$53,000,000. The president believed the bill should be abandoned in its present form because government revenues, already falling as a result of the war, must be supplemented by a war tax. The economy measure will extend all along the line.

6,000 AMERICANS
START FOR HOME

London, Sept. 19.—Six steamers, carrying 6,000 Americans, left the British isles today for the United States.

50,000 BOYS MARCH IN
J. E. SULLIVAN'S FUNERAL

New York, Sept. 19.—Fifty thousand boys, members of the Public Schools Athletic league, followed the body of the late James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic union of the United States, from his home to St. Aloysius church, where funeral services were held today. Along the route of the procession all of the 120,000 boys who are active in the contests of the league in this city formed in line.

GIVE MILLION IN MONTREAL

Citizens Subscribe Great War Fund
in Five-Day Campaign.

Montreal, Sept. 19.—The \$1,000,000 mark in Montreal's campaign for a contribution to the Canadian patriotic fund was passed this afternoon, five days after the campaign was launched. This amount is the gift of the people of Montreal to the fund for taking care of families and dependents of Canadian soldiers who have gone or may go to the war.

The raising of this contribution in so short a time was largely due to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, with whom were associated in the campaign some of the biggest financial men in the Dominion.

BOARD APPROVES
PLAN OF BANKERS

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Bankers' plan for \$100,000,000 gold fund to meet American obligations to Europe was approved today by the federal reserve board.

NO FORT CAN
STAND UNDER
GERMAN GUNExistence of Big Krupp
Weapon Not Known to
Other Nations.

EVEN A SECRET AT HOME

One Projectile Said to Have De-
molished Steel and Ce-
ment Walls at Liege.

Berlin, Sept. 19.—The day of fortresses has passed. The new siege gun of the German forces appears to have demonstrated its ability to demolish the strongest fortifications. At Liege a single projectile demolished utterly walls of reinforced cement and steel and ripped open steel covers piled in a mass on the forts of the defenders.

Existence of the terrible weapon was not known to foreign nations and only a few high German officials had as much as heard of it before the war broke. According to an expert, there are not enough forts in the world to wear out one of these guns.

German Guns Hidden.

London, Sept. 19.—The Mail's Paris correspondent, describing a great battle which he viewed from the tower of the Cathedral, says: "The Germans held their ground three days. Their heaviest guns are hidden in the woods and the French artillery has not yet obtained mastery of fire over them. The stronghold of the German position is a height three miles east of Rheims. They are bombarding the town of Rheims, which was on fire at eight different places at 4 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon. I have been watching a fierce battle since morning."

FRENCHMAN WINS AIR DUEL

Kills German Aviator in Revolver Bat-
tle High Above Earth.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The newspapers today related the story of an air duel between a French aviator and a German aviator at an unnamed place during a battle. After long maneuvering the Frenchman succeeded in ascending above the German. Both men used revolvers. The German was seriously wounded and his machine turned over, falling among British troops. He was dead when picked up.

Bordeaux, Sept. 19.—The Troies correspondent of the Temps has sent the following dispatch:

"According to wounded prisoners the German aeroplanes have been put out of action through lack of gasoline. The French aviators, on the other hand, have been doing excellent work. One French aviator succeeded in dropping bombs at an important railroad junction, with the results that ten trains filled with retreating Prussians were stalled."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.Fair tonight and probably Sunday;
not much change in temperature.
Temperature at 7 a. m., 62. Highest
yesterday, 84; lowest last night, 62.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 7 miles
per hour.Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 58;
at 7 a. m., 73.Stage of water 6 feet, a fall of .6 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Jupiter.
Venus, Mars. Morning star: Saturn.
Near the horizon a wide range of the
southern sky is spanned by three con-
stellations—Sagittarius (right), Capri-
cornus (center), Aquarius (left).OIL BOOM FADES
WEST OF MACOMBWells Recently Drilled Produc-
ing Poorly and Profits
Are Small.

Macomb, Ill., Sept. 19.—The failure of the oil field, the McCabe and McClintock wells in the new fields being "dusters," and the Roberts well pumping water instead of oil, have had a most damaging effect upon the "oil boom" of the past two months here.

Pessimism and optimism go "fifty-fifty" now. Some claim the pool which fed the wells was a fizzle; and others smilingly believe that the real pool has never been struck; that merely the edge of it was tapped. However, leases are suffering in value from the decrease in output.

As the situation now stands, the Payne wells are probably the best in the entire district, one of them producing 40 barrels daily together with those on the McCadden farm. The Hoing and Jarvis wells are but producing in the neighborhood of two barrels per day. The Robinson wells are among the best.

There is not much for publication regarding the profits or "losses" made out of the boom of the past two months, but it is realized that in some instances the financial clearances have been overestimated.

The cost of transportation of the oil is breaking into the profits, as it is reported that the cost per barrel runs between 26 and 30 cents. Hence with oil selling at 70 cents and with the farmer only receiving an eighth or sixth of the total output, it is figured that the farmer's profit is small on wells of small production.

JAPANESE SEIZE
CHINESE STATIONPresident of Shantung Railway,
German Owned, Is Made
a Prisoner.

Tokio, Sept. 19.—Japanese troops landed in Laoshan Bay, Sept. 18, according to an official announcement. Cavalry Sept. 17 captured Kiaochow station and seized a train. Among the passengers was the president of the Shantung railroad, who was made a prisoner.

The Shantung railway is German owned.

PATTI HELD A PRISONER

Singer and Husband Released By Ger-
mans, However, and Reach Paris.
Paris, Sept. 19.—Adeline Patti, the former opera singer, has arrived in Paris from Carlsbad, where, at the beginning of August, a threatening crowd surrounded the hotel at which she was stopping and shouted "down with the English and French." It was known that her sympathies were with the allies.

The singer was told by the police that she and her husband would have to consider themselves prisoners of war. They were detained for several weeks at the hotel. Every day a mob appeared before the hotel and shouted and hooted at them from the outside. Finally the government allowed Mrs. Patti and her husband to go, but insisted that their male servants remain as hostages.

GOLFING HONORS
TO MRS. JACKSON

Glencoe, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Arnold Jackson of Boston won the woman's national golf championship, defeating Miss Elaine Rosenthal of Chicago.

150,000 LOSS
IN MEN ALONG
RIVER MARNEHuman Sacrifice is De-
scribed as Being Great-
est on Record.

IS SICKENING PICTURE

Number Villages Bombarded
and Destroyed—Fields Are
Strewn With Bodies.

NEWS DISPATCHES REPRESENT LONDON AS REGARDING THE PRESENT BATTLE AS THE SUPREME CONFLICT OF THE CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE.

CONTINUED OPTIMISM IS REPORTED AT PARIS AND BORDEAUX. AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN LONDON THIS AFTERNOON SAID: "THE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED. A COUNTER ATTACK AGAINST THE FIRST DIVISION DURING THE NIGHT WAS DRIVEN BACK. THE WEATHER IS BAD AND IT IS RAINING CONTINUALLY." A PEKIN REPORT SAYS BARON VON EISENBACH, THE FIRST GERMAN OFFICER TO BE KILLED BEFORE TSINGTAU, MET HIS DEATH IN A SKIRMISH SEPT. 16.

THE INFORMAL PEACE MOVEMENT BEGUN IN WASHINGTON A MONTH AGO IS TODAY AT A STANDSTILL.

Paris, Sept. 19.—Official reports thus far have neglected the question of losses, which in a fight such as the battle of the Marne, covering a front of 150 miles, are almost impossible to estimate.

Some unofficial reports placed the allies' losses at 50,000 and the Germans at 100,000 in the series of engagements comprised in the last great clash of arms. The losses certainly are the greatest on record and perhaps the proportion for the Germans is greater than two to one in dead at least.

For the great proportion of French officers killed or wounded two explanations are given. The zeal of the officers and orders to the German riflemen to pick them out. An officer of the Prussian guard regiment, who is a prisoner, said: "My regiment left for the front with 60 officers. It counts today only five. We underwent terrible trials."

Aeroplanes Over Paris.

Berlin, Sept. 18 (wireless to Sayville, L. I.).—It is announced here that three aeroplanes are again over Paris. The British naval commission has left Constantinople. Russian General Partos, who ordered the shooting of all male inhabitants and burning of all villages in east Prussia, has been tried by a German court martial.

Antwerp Lamps Relighted.

London, Sept. 19.—An Antwerp dispatch reports the towns of Termond and Londerzeel have been evacuated by Germans. Street lamps in Antwerp are lighted a half hour every evening. Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—A Vienna dispatch says all villages around Przemyśl, Galicia, have been ordered evacuated. Entrenchments are being dug around the fortress, which has a garrison of 60,000 and provisions for two years.

SHACKLETON GETS AWAY
ON SOUTH POLAR TRIP

London, Sept. 19.—Sir Ernest Shackleton and the members of his trans-Antarctic expedition left London today in two sections for the south polar region. One party, headed by Sir Ernest Shackleton, departed for South America; the other half of the expedition left for Ross Sea, on the New Zealand side of the Antarctic, by way of Tasmania.

Sir Ernest hopes to meet the Ross Sea contingent in April of next year, or, failing in that, by March of 1916. The Shackleton section will have seventy dogs and also motor sledges. The other party will have twenty-six dogs.

One great difficulty that confronted the expedition was the lack of scientific instruments. These had been ordered in Germany, but had not been delivered because of the war, and it was necessary to replace them in England.

The Ross Sea party will board the exploration ship Aurora at Hobartstown, Tasmania. Sir Ernest Shackleton hopes to depart from Buenos Aires Oct. 18 by the ship Endurance, which is now en route to South America.